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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANTS: Karl BARTH CONFIRMATION NO.: 5805  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,732,203  
AL PCT Application WO 02/093494  
AM PCT Application WO 02/065401  
AN PCT Application WO 93/09512

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Accordingly, the undersigned states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each of the above items was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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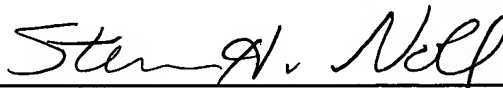
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